

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 (beginning with "In a preferred embodiment") and ending on page 2, line 10 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment the protein has the following N-terminal sequence:

Xaa-E-E-K-Xaa-Xaa-L-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-V-V-Xaa-N-A

(SEQ ID NO:1); and preferably:

Xaa-E-E-K-T-P-L-T-T-A-A-Xaa-A-P-V-V-Xaa-N-A (SEQ ID NO:2).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 (beginning with "This provides a sequence") and ending on page 7, line 20 as follows:

This provides a sequence with the following definite amino acids:

1 - 2-3-4-5 - 6 -7-8 - 9 - 10 -11- 12- 13 -14-15-16-17-18-19

Xaa-E-E-K-Xaa-Xaa-L-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-V-V -Xaa-N -A

(SEQ ID NO:1)

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 (beginning with "If one includes") and ending on page 7, line 25 as follows:

If one includes probable amino acids the following sequence
is obtained:

1 - 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19

Xaa-E-E-K-T-P-L-T-T -A -A-Xaa-A -P -V -V-Xaa-N -A (SEQ ID

NO:2)